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In the news

Prison for pedophile

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Hearing for abortion doc's wife postponed

PHILADELPHIA. A status hearing for Pearl Gosnell, the wife of West Philadelphia abortion doctor Kermit Gosnell, has been continued until Dec. 13.

Pearl Gosnell is accused of performing illegal abortions at the Women's Medical Society. It is unclear whether she plans to plead guilty. Six employees from the clinic have already pleaded guilty and will testify against Kermit Gosnell, who's charged with first-degree murder. ● METRO

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Howard

Slugger donates to city schools

CITY HALL. Phillies slugger Ryan Howard isn't too wounded from his recent Achilles surgery to have walked into Mayor Michael Nutter's offices and donate nearly \$1.2 million to city schools' athletic programs Thursday.

Nutter said the award will allow 57 high schools with athletic programs to select athletic shoes and apparel that will match the schools' colors. Four middle school athletic programs will also receive shoes. The award will be distributed this month.

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Life in prison for Piazza murders

NORTHERN LIBERTIES. Keith Epps, Edward Daniels and Antonio Wright were all part of a botched drug robbery that ended with the shootings of Rian Thal and Timothy Gilmore inside the Navona building. All three defendants will serve the mandatory life in prison. ● METRO/SDL

Development. Dilworth Plaza



► A woman walked by signs at the western side of City Hall's concrete promenade, which is now closed to the public.

BRIAN LABMA/METRO

First step: Block off the plaza

The \$50 million makeover of the concrete abyss that is Dilworth Plaza will take until early 2014, according to the Center City District's timeline announced yesterday. A cafe, digital media board and yes, much more green space, will replace the failed public plaza that is notoriously a camp to many homeless.

Spot zoning is last rite for leaving lawmakers

► Outgoing Council members Miller, DiCicco both pushed bills with loud opposition ► Both bills could also cost city funding from state and feds

City Council passed two bills amending the zoning code without support of the Planning Commission Thursday that displeased community organizations and state legislators.

The first, introduced by Councilwoman Donna Reed Miller, expands the types of businesses allowed in Germantown. Specifically, it paves the way for Pulaski Partners to go forward with a planned Dollar Tree and Save-A-Lot in the site of a shuttered Fresh Grocer in Germantown's Cheltenham Plaza.

The argument of whether or not the development will benefit the community is rife with accusations of spot zoning, backroom deals and pay-to-play legislation and has been debated in a multitude of community, zoning and committee meetings.

It passed unanimously to grumbles of "this is why people move to the suburbs" and "really cowardly."

The second bill, from Councilman Frank DiCicco, also makes broader changes to the zoning code that specifically allow a

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10,000-square-foot digital billboard to be installed on a building facing the Vine Street Expressway.

The billboard will violate the Highway Beautification Act, which may cost the city a 10 percent penalty of federal funds slated for highway improvement, or \$10 million between

2011 and 2014.

"You should really examine what you're putting at risk," said Stephanie Kent of city-based Society Created to Reduce Urban Blight. The bill passed 12 to five.

Both Miller and DiCicco are retiring from Council in January, leading many to level claims they are pushing legislation through because they are no longer accountable to their constituents.

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LGBT rights enhanced by City Council



City lawmakers approved a bill mandating that certain city contractors must extend the same benefits to employees' life partners as are offered to spouses of married workers.

"It's smart because the bill combats discrimination

without costing the city a dime," said Micah Mahjoubian of the Liberty City Democrats. "We were very happy when Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown came to us and said she wanted to take on the issue. She worked very

closely with the LGBT community, labor community and clergy to craft a bill that would pass."

Brown called the legislation "an important step to ensure all Philadelphians that are created equal are treated equal." ● METRO/AW

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Hoagie shop boss charged in hit try

► Shop owner solicits undercover cop he thought was a hit man ► Allegedly sought to kill wife, her liaisons

A Montgomery County businessman has been charged with hiring a hit man to kill three former employees, one of whom he suspected was his wife's lover.

Authorities claim Paul Vangore, 47, the owner of several Subway sandwich shops, contacted someone last month to kill a man who he suspected was having an affair with his wife and two of the suspected lover's friends. He allegedly wanted the men kidnapped so he could confront them about "disrespecting" him.

The man enlisted by Vangore contacted authorities, who recorded several phone conversations between the two. Vangore al-



► Vangore

legedly showed the source where his wife worked and where one of the suspected lover's friends lived.

"I want to see them and tell them what went on because what they did was wrong. Because they kind of

like, they kind of like slapped my face with what they did," Vangore said, according to court documents.

Vangore was arrested Wednesday night after he allegedly agreed to pay \$7,500 to an undercover detective that he believed was a hit man. Authorities recovered \$9,000 in large bills from Vangore's car and more than \$2,000 on his person.

He is charged with solicitation to commit murder, solicitation to commit kidnapping, and related charges. Bail has been set at \$25 million.

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Sugarhouse expansion approved by Council

PHILADELPHIA. A bill allowing Sugarhouse Casino to double in size unanimously passed City Council on Thursday despite some opposition.

"Convenience casinos' business comes from gambling addicts," said Paul Boni, board member of Stop Predatory Gambling, adding that Sugarhouse patrons gamble there three, four and five times a week. "Philadelphia is the largest city in the U.S. to allow casino gambling."

Boni has been advocating for a community health study to be done before the expansion goes forward. "No one chooses to become an addict," he says. "This is a public health matter and will become increasingly so." ● METRO/AW



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And as the year end approaches, it's good to remember that charitable donations bring tax benefits, too.

Stay safe

There are a number of things to consider before making a donation:

- It is important to research charities before you contribute. The percentage of your contribution that a charity spends on fundraising activities, employee salaries, or expenses which do not directly support the charity's stated mission varies greatly by organization.
- A number of online resources can help you research charities. The Better Business Bureau (give.org) and GuideStar (guidestar.org) provide de-

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contribution.

If a tax deduction is important to you, make sure the organization has a tax deductible status with the Internal Revenue Service.

The IRS website (irs.gov/charities) has a searchable database of organizations eligible to receive tax-deductible charitable contributions.

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US working to restore Myanmar diplomacy

- ▶ Clinton's visit to authoritarian nation our first in nearly two decades
- ▶ Secretary of state says dealings with nuclear North Korea must end first

Concerns

Rights groups and some lawmakers in Congress are concerned that Washington may be moving too swiftly to endorse the new leadership. Clinton made clear the United States needed to see more progress.

"It is encouraging that political prisoners have been released, but over 1,000 are still not free," Clinton said. Clinton also said it would "be difficult to begin a new chapter" until Myanmar began making peace with ethnic rebels.

The United States will support more aid for Myanmar and consider installing an ambassador after an absence of some two decades, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said on Thursday, offering the first rewards for reform.

Clinton said she had "candid, productive" conversations with President Thein Sein and other Myanmar ministers and told them Washington stood ready to support further reforms and possibly lift sanctions.

But she also urged Myanmar, which is seeking to emerge from decades of

Quoted

"No person in any country should be detained for exercising universal freedoms of expression, assembly and conscience."

CLINTON

authoritarian military rule, to take further steps to release political prisoners and end ethnic conflicts.

Better ties, Clinton said, are impossible unless

Myanmar halts its dealings with North Korea, which has set alarm bells ringing across Asia with its renege nuclear program.

Clinton's landmark visit to the country also known as Burma marks a tentative rapprochement after more than 50 years of estrangement from the West.

She later traveled to the commercial capital of Yangon where she went barefoot as part of Buddhist tradition at a revered shrine, the Shwedagon Pagoda. She then held the first of two meetings with pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi. **REUTERS**



▶ Secretary of State Hillary Clinton tours the Shwedagon Pagoda, a Buddhist temple in Rangoon, Myanmar.

YOUR SEAT ON THE PRESIDENT'S PLANE

Opinion

TOM FOREMAN

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT FOR CNN



If you buy an airline ticket this holiday season, you might want to reflect on the past year in politics, on how your pals in D.C. daily strive to represent your interests, and on how both parties love nothing more than pulling out your credit card to treat themselves to some nice gifts.

The latest case in point: The kerfuffle over President Obama's use of taxpayer dollars to pay for what are, at least in part, campaign trips to battleground states.

Let me say up front, that this is not a unique issue for this White House. All modern presidents, Democratic and Republican, have used the power of their position to quietly force voters to underwrite their re-election campaigns in this fashion. Press

Secretary Jay Carney is dead right when he says, "We do this absolutely by the book."

What he neglects to mention is that this "book" was cooked long ago.

It works like this: Each party, when it does not hold the White House, howls about the incumbent using taxpayer funds for campaign trips. Then when that party takes the Oval Office, the operatives fire up Air Force One and say, "Hey, the other guys did it when they were here!" In this fashion, the parties make sure that neither of them will ever have to pay more than a ceremonial pittance for all that travel, all that security, all that is involved in getting their guy to those \$20,000-a-plate dinners.

"Being President is a 24-hour job!" White Housers almost always say. True. It's not like the president can hop into a Camry and ride across Ohio slapping up yard signs. But when

the federal budget is a mess, and taxpayers are gasping for economic survival, it seems a tad insensitive for an incumbent who is raking in millions and millions in donations to be sliding the bill across the table to us.

In addition, critics ask, if he's always on the clock, what business does any president have spending any of his time at private fundraisers, let alone going to dozens of them?

Again, President Obama deserves no more blame for this than any other president, but the evidence suggests he does not deserve a pass either. And when your campaign is based on bringing "change" to Washington, it seems a weak defense to point at the past and say it's always been this way.

— CNN's Tom Foreman is a regular on "AC360"/www.ac360.com and "The Situation Room."

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Santa Ana winds slam California

LOS ANGELES. A powerful wind storm with gale-force gusts left much of the Los Angeles area strewn with toppled trees

and downed power lines on Thursday, slowing rush-hour traffic and knocking out electricity to more 300,000 customers.

An hourlong power outage at Los Angeles International Airport forced nearly two dozen inbound commercial flights to be diverted to

other airports, and flight delays lingered after electricity was restored at about 8 a.m. local time, LAX spokeswoman Nancy Castles said.

"We woke up this morning, looked out the window, and realized it was gone," said Janelle Brown, 38. **REUTERS**

You choose the news

Some less well known figures were nominated yesterday in Metro's Man and Woman of the year event.

Evangelist Ryan Cook, of Fairwood, N.J., was nominated by, well, Ryan

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MAN AND WOMAN OF THE YEAR

2011

Cook. And Brad Kalman-son, of Hackensack, nom-

inated David Silverman, president of American Atheists.

Gabrielle Giffords, the Arizona congresswoman received more nominations and Rutgers' nominated Steve Jobs, adding: "You know why."

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ARTHUR CHRISTMAS 3D (PG) Fri and Sat 12:40, 5:40, 10:45. RealD 3D; Sun 12:40-5:40-10:30. RealD 3D

HAPPY FEET TWO (PG) 11:05,

4:15, 9:45. Digital Presentation

HAPPY FEET TWO IN 3D (PG) 1:50, 7:05. RealD 3D

HAPPY FEET TWO: AN IMAX 3D

EXPERIENCE (PG) Fri and Sat

9:45, 12:20, 2:50, 5:25, 8:15,

10:40. IMAX 3D; Sun 9:45-12:20-

2:50-5:25-7:50-10:15. IMAX 3D

HUGO (PG) 1:05. Digital

Presentation

HUGO 3D (PG) Fri and Sat 10:15,

4:10, 7:15, 10:15. RealD 3D; Sun

10:15-4:10-7:15-10:10. RealD 3D

IMMORTALS (R) 11:45, 5:00,

10:20. Digital Presentation

IMMORTALS 3D (R) 2:15, 7:45,

RealD 3D

JACK AND JILL (PG) 10:40, 1:00,

3:20, 5:45, 8:00, 10:25

KINYARWANDA (NR) 11:00, 1:45,

4:20, 7:10, 10:00. C INDEPEN-

DENT; Digital Presentation

THE MUPPETS (PG) Fri 10:30,

1:15, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30; Fri and Sat

9:30-12:05-2:35-5:15-8:10-10:50.

Digital Presentation; Sat 10:00-

1:15-4:00-7:00-9:30; Sun 10:30-

1:15-4:00-7:00-9:30; Sun 9:30-

12:05-2:35-5:15-7:55-10:30.

Digital Presentation

PUSS IN BOOTS (PG) 10:45,

3:45, 9:00. Digital Presentation

PUSS IN BOOTS 3D (PG) 1:20,

6:15. RealD 3D

TOWER HEIST (PG-13) 11:20,

2:00, 4:45, 7:20, 10:05

THE TWILIGHT SAGA: BREAKING

DAWN - PART 1 (PG-13)

Fri and Sat 11:30, 2:30, 5:30,

8:30, 11:15. Digital Presentation;

Fri and Sat 10:30-1:30-4:30-7:30-

10:30; Sun 11:30-2:30-5:30-8:30.

Digital Presentation; Sun 10:30-

1:30-4:30-7:30-10:20.

VELAYUTHAM (NR) 11:30, 3:30,

6:45, 10:00

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ARTHUR CHRISTMAS (PG) 11:30,

2:00

ARTHUR CHRISTMAS 3D (PG) Fri

12:40, 3:25, 6:10, 8:30, 10:50.

RealD 3D; Sat 10:05-12:40-3:25-

6:10-8:30-10:50. RealD 3D; Sun

12:40-3:25-6:10-8:30-10:50.

RealD 3D

THE DESCENDANTS (R) Fri 10:55,

1:35, 4:15, 7:05, 9:50. C

INDEPENDENT; Sat 10:40-1:35-

4:15-7:05-9:50. C INDEPENDENT;

Sat 10:40-1:35-4:15. C INDEPEN-

DENT; CC-Closed Captions; Sun

10:55-1:05-1:35-4:15-4:25-

7:05-7:20-9:50-10:05. C INDEPEN-

DENT; Sun 10:55-1:35-4:15-7:05-

9:50. C INDEPENDENT; CC-Closed

Captions

HAPPY FEET TWO (PG) Fri 10:55,

1:25, 4:05, 6:35, 9:05. Digital

Presentation; Sat 10:35-1:25-

4:05-6:35-9:05. Digital

Presentation; Sun 10:55-1:25-

4:05-6:35-9:05. Digital

Presentation

HAPPY FEET TWO IN 3D (PG) 11:40,

2:25, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00.

RealD 3D

HAPPY FEET TWO: AN IMAX 3D

EXPERIENCE (PG) Fri and Sat

12:15, 2:55, 5:45, 8:20, 10:45.

IMAX 3D; Sun 12:15-2:55-5:45-

8:20. IMAX 3D

HUGO (PG) 11:00, 2:10, 5:10,

HUGO 3D (PG) Fri 1:10, 4:10, 7:00,

9:55. RealD 3D; Sat 10:10-1:10-

4:10-7:00-9:55. RealD 3D; Sun

1:10-4:10-7:00-9:55. RealD 3D

THE IDES OF MARCH (R) 11:10,

4:50, 10:30

IMMORTALS (R) Fri 1:00, 3:40,

6:30, 9:15. Digital Presentation;

Sat 10:20-1:00-3:40-6:30-9:15.

Digital Presentation; Sun 1:00-

3:40-6:30-9:15. Digital

Presentation

IMMORTALS 3D (R) 12:05, 2:40,

5:15, 7:50, 10:25. RealD 3D

IN TIME (PG-13) 8:00, 10:30

J. EDGAR (R) 12:45, 3:45, 6:45,

9:45

JACK AND JILL (PG) Fri 12:20,

2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sat 10:00-

12:20-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15; Sun

12:20-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:20.

MIDNIGHT IN PARIS (PG-13) Fri

12:30, 2:45, 4:55, 7:15, 9:25. C

INDEPENDENT; Sat 10:15-12:30-

2:45-4:55-7:15-9:25. C INDEPEN-

DENT; Sun 12:30-2:45-4:55-7:15-

9:25. C INDEPENDENT

MONEYBALL (PG-13) 1:45, 7:25,

THE MUPPETS (PG) Fri 11:05,

1:50, 4:25, 7:20, 10:05; Fri 11:05-

1:50-4:25-7:20-10:05. CC-Closed

Captions; Fri 12:25-3:15-5:55-

8:40. Digital Presentation; Sat

12:35-3:15-5:55-8:40. Digital

Presentation; Sat 10:00. SFF-

Sensory Friendly Film; Sat 7:20-

10:05. CC-Closed Captions; Sat

10:50-1:50-4:25-7:20-10:05; Sun

12:25-3:15-5:55-8:40. Digital

Presentation

POKEMON THE MOVIE: WHITE -

VICTINI AND ZEKROM (NR) Sat

10:30. Digital Presentation

PUSS IN BOOTS (PG) Fri and Sat

11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:20, 8:35,

10:50. Digital Presentation; Sun

11:15-1:30-3:45-6:00-8:15-10:25.

Digital Presentation

PUSS IN BOOTS 3D (PG) Fri

12:10, 2:35, 4:45, RealD 3D; Sat

9:55-12:10-2:35-4:45. RealD 3D;

Sun 12:10-2:35-4:45. RealD 3D

REAL STEEL (PG-13) 7:10, 10:10.

Digital Presentation

TOWER HEIST (PG-13) Fri 12:35,

3:10, 5:40, 8:10, 10:40; Sat 10:05-

12:35-3:10-5:40-8:10-10:40; Sun

12:35-3:10-5:40-8:10-10:35.

THE TWILIGHT SAGA: BREAKING

DAWN - PART 1 (PG-13) Fri 12:05,

3:05, 4:35, 6:05, 7:35, 8:50,

10:35; Fri 11:20-12:50-2:20-4:00-

5:20-6:50-8:15-9:35. Digital

Presentation; Sat 12:05-3:05-

4:00-4:35-6:05-7:35-8:50-9:35-

10:35; Sat 11:20-2:20-5:20-8:15.

Digital Presentation; Sun 12:05-

3:05-4:35-6:05-7:35-8:50-10:15;

Sun 11:20-2:20-4:00-5:20-6:50-

8:15-9:35. Digital Presentation

A VERY HAROLD & KUMAR 3D

CHRISTMAS (R) 11:05, 1:20, 3:35,

5:50, 8:05, 10:15. RealD 3D

THE WAY (PG-13) 11:35, 2:15,

5:05, 7:40, 10:20. C INDEPEN-

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and Sat 10:10, 12:50, 3:35,

6:15, 9:10, 11:40; Sun 10:10-12:50-

3:35-6:15-9:10.

ARTHUR CHRISTMAS 3D (PG) 11:45,

2:30, 4:55, 7:30, 10:15.

RealD 3D

THE DESCENDANTS (R) Fri and Sat

9:30, 11:00, 12:20,

2:05, 3:10, 5:00, 6:10, 8:00, 9:15,

10:55, 12:10. C INDEPENDENT;

Sun 9:30-11:00-12:20-2:05-3:10-

5:00-6:10-8:00-9:15-10:40. C

INDEPENDENT

HAPPY FEET TWO (PG) 10:55,

4:30, 9:50. Digital Presentation

HAPPY FEET TWO IN 3D (PG) 1:45,

7:10. RealD 3D

HAPPY FEET TWO: AN IMAX 3D

EXPERIENCE (PG) Fri and Sat

10:30, 1:30, 4:20, 7:05, 9:40,

12:15. IMAX 3D; Sun 10:30-1:30-

4:20-7:05-9:40. IMAX 3D

HUGO (PG) Fri and Sat 9:25,

12:15, 3:05, 6:05, 9:05, 12:05.

Digital Presentation; Sun 9:25-

12:15-3:05-6:05-9:05. Digital

Presentation

HUGO 3D (PG) 10:15, 1:40, 4:35,

7:35, 10:35. RealD 3D

THE IDES OF MARCH (R) 2:15,

7:50. Digital Presentation

IMMORTALS (R) 10:25, 4:10,

9:35. Digital Presentation

DENT; Digital Presentation; Sun

10:50-1:05-3:25-5:50-8:05-

10:20. C INDEPENDENT; Digital

Presentation

MONEYBALL (PG-13) 11:15, 4:50,

10:30. Digital Presentation

THE MUPPETS (PG) Fri 10:00,

1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45, 12:20;

Fri and Sat 11:30-2:20-5:30-8:20-

11:10. Digital Presentation; Sat

10:00. SFF-Sensory Friendly Film;

Sat 1:00-4:00-7:00-9:45-12:20;

Sun 11:30-2:20-5:30-8:05-10:40.

Digital Presentation; Sun 10:00-

1:00-4:00-7:00-9:45.

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THE TWILIGHT SAGA: BREAKING

DAWN - PART 1 (PG-13) Fri 9:55,

12:00, 1:05, 3:00, 4:05, 6:00,

6:55, 9:00, 12:00. Digital

Presentation; Fri and Sat 11:10-

2:10-5:10-8:15-9:55-11:15-12:45;

Sat 9:55-1:05-3:45-4:05-6:55-

9:30-12:35. Digital Presentation;

Sun 11:10-2:10-5:10-7:55-9:55-

10:45; Sun 9:55-1:05-3:00-4:05-

6:00-6:55-9:00. Digital

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HAPPY FEET TWO (PG) Fri 11:05,

1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40. Digital

Presentation; Sat 4:10-9:40.

Digital Presentation; Sun 3:30-

6:00-8:40. Digital Presentation

HAPPY FEET TWO IN 3D (PG) 6:00,

8:40. RealD 3D; Sun 11:05-1:30-

4:10-7:00-9:40. RealD 3D

THE IDES OF MARCH (R) 12:20,

2:45, 5:25, 7:50, 10:15

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3:40, 5:50, 8:00, 10:15

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2:40, 7:40. Digital Presentation;

Sat and Sun 9:40-2:40-7:40.

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ARTHUR CHRISTMAS 3D (PG) Fri

5:10, 10:10. RealD 3D; Sat 12:10-

5:10-10:10. RealD 3D; Sun 12:10-

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HAPPY FEET TWO (PG) Fri 2:35,

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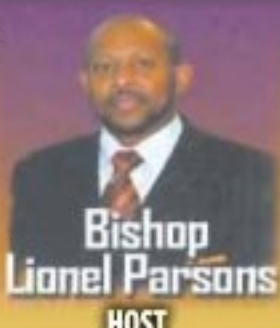
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Ingredients

- 2 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for dusting the work surface
- ¼ teaspoon fine salt
- ¼ teaspoon baking powder
- 12 tablespoons unsalted butter (1½ sticks), at room temperature
- ¾ cup granulated sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ¼ cup smooth jam

Instructions

- 1 Heat the oven to 350°F and arrange two racks to divide the oven into thirds. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper; set aside.
- 2 Whisk the measured flour, salt and baking powder in a medium bowl to aerate and remove any lumps; set aside.
- 3 Place the butter and sugar in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment. Beat on medium speed

until light and fluffy, scraping down the sides of the bowl as needed, about three minutes. Stop the mixer, scrape down the paddle and the sides of the bowl and add the egg and vanilla. Beat on medium speed until incorporated, about 1½ minutes. Stop the mixer and scrape down the bowl.

- 4 Add the flour mixture and beat on low speed until the dough just comes together, about 45 seconds.
- 5 Turn the dough onto a floured work surface and form it into a disk. Divide the dough into four equal portions. Using your hands, roll each portion into a 10-by-1-inch log. Carefully transfer two of the logs onto each prepared baking sheet.
- 6 Using the handle of a wooden spoon, make a ½-inch-wide, ½-inch-deep trough in the

center of each log, leaving a ½-inch border at each end.

- 7 Place the jam in a piping bag or a resealable plastic bag (snip off one bottom corner of the plastic bag, if using) and pipe the jam into each of the troughs.
- 8 Place both baking sheets in the oven and bake for 10 minutes. Rotate the baking sheets front to back and top to bottom and bake until the cookie logs are light golden brown around the bottom edges, about

10 to 12 minutes more. Place the baking sheets on wire racks and let the logs cool for 15 minutes.

- 9 Pick up one of the parchment sheets and carefully transfer the two logs to a cutting board. Cut each log on the diagonal into 1-inch-wide pieces. Transfer the cookies to the wire rack. Repeat with the remaining parchment sheet and cookie logs. Let the cookies cool completely. Store in an airtight container for up to five days.

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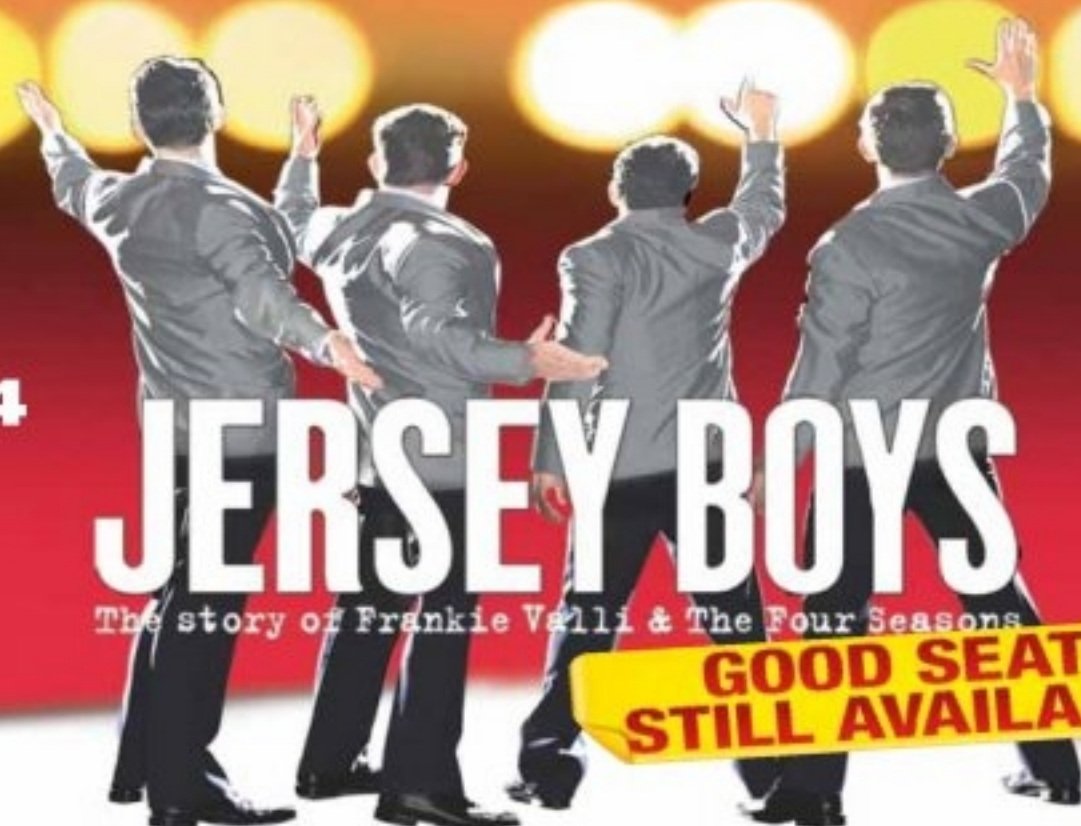
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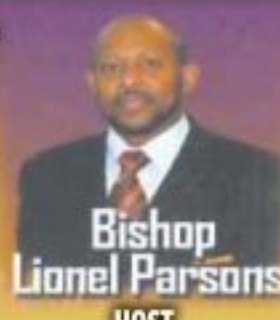
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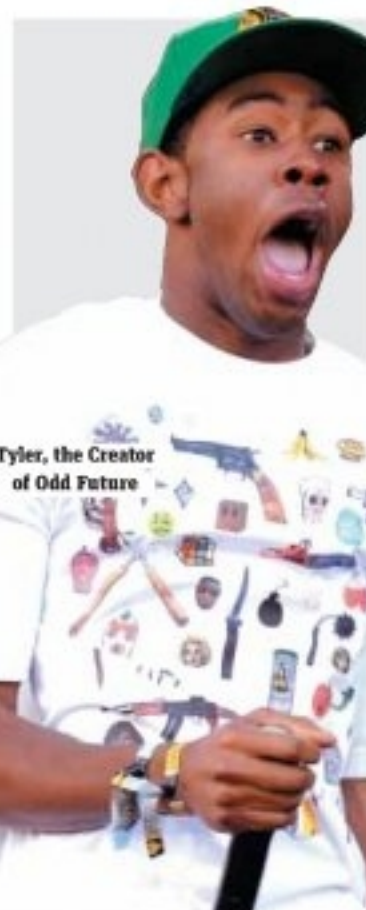
► Sway Calloway, left, and Kanye West were dressed to the nines in 2009 at the Inaugural Ball.

Sundays are getting more 'Sucker Free'

► MTV2 celebrates rap's illustrious past and its Odd Future ► Sway Calloway on hip-hop's big happenings

MTV2 has been referring to their end-of-the-week hip-hop barrage as Sucker Free Sundays for the past nine years. But this Sunday, it gets even more sucker-free.

At 11 p.m., the network commemorates the wild year that was with its first "Sucker Free Awards," a celebration of all the unexpected collaborations, comebacks and breakthroughs that happened in hip-hop in 2011. Then at midnight, the network brings back a variation of an MTV institution. The show "Yo! MTV Raps: Classic Cuts" gives a reverent nod to the acts who first defined the hip-hop landscape. In addition to videos from A Tribe Called Quest,



Tyler, the Creator of Odd Future

Geto Boys and Ice Cube, "Cuts" also features those trailblazing artists talking about their clips.

Veteran VJ Sway Calloway will host the inaugural "Sucker Free Awards." Though he's excited about the show, he seems even more awestruck about the chance to emcee "Yo! MTV Raps" as well.

"If I never do anything else," he says, "I'm glad I got a chance to do that."

As for the awards, Calloway won't reveal any winners — but he did share his thoughts on the three most important hip-hop happenings of the year.

The rise of Tyler, the Creator and Odd Future

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Lil Wayne's 'Tha Carter IV'

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► Lil Wayne had a banner year.

"Their popularity was established through fan/artist relationship, directly. There wasn't any corporate involvement, any marketing plan or budget behind it. They weren't introduced to the public by any big brand and they weren't forced on the public through political muscle. They were discovered by the consumer and their popularity grew as their fanbase grew through social media, and that allowed them to creatively be something that we weren't used to. As they started to resonate and more people started to discover them, it became like a wild fire. They gave a lot of validity to the whole do-it-yourself movement."

The Watch the Throne album and tour

"In my opinion, Kanye has been the most valuable rap artist in recent years, in the sense that he's been a true game-changer. ... And

there's no ceiling to Jay-Z and where he can go and what he can do. All we're allowed to do now is watch, and learn. ... With Kanye, it was almost like his big brother giving him the final stamp of approval and almost humbling himself to work and do this with Jay. And Jay was making himself slightly vulnerable to be open to a lot of suggestions from Kanye. Kanye doesn't necessarily need Jay any longer to be an artist, but at the peak of his career, [he humbled] himself to be around Jay. And the music they came up with? I called it a classic hip-hop album with wings, because of the place it took us. It took us to places where we've never gone."



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It's not everyday you talk to a master blender of scotch whisky. It's also not every day you can buy a bottle of Johnnie Walker Double Black, as it's only out for the holiday season.

But luckily, in a rare interview, Metro was able to get master blender Jim Beveridge to discuss both — in his thick Scottish brogue, no less.

"Well, it's quite a lot, really," he laughed when asked what a master blender does on a day-to-day basis. (To wit, he's the man: he creates the whiskies you'll be drinking now and in a few decades.) "The key to the whole job is understanding the flavors and how they combine to create a great blend. That's the first requirement."



► Master Blender Jim
Beveridge with maturing
casks in Scotland.

Beveridge says the main job requirement is thinking about how flavors mix and express themselves as well as what kind of cask to let them mature in. But, as he notes, all master blenders have to have one eye on the future. "The whiskies for Black Label that are being distilled today will be in our

warehouses for 12 years before it will be used, so I have to think ahead as well."

One of the whiskies Beveridge has had a hand in creating is the aforementioned Johnnie Walker Double Black. For the spirit, Beveridge blends more of the Islay scotches into the blend so it's more smoky than the regular Black Label. "The starting point is Johnnie Walker Black Label," he explains about how he created the special blend. "So it has all of the complex flavors and mixture of fruitiness and sweet vanilla flavors and the classic smokiness of it; I like to think the Double Black as being dialed up a bit."

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Walking in a winter wonderland

► Eastern State Penitentiary's winter tours show a side of the landmark usually off limits ► What's on view

Standing in a 180-year-old prison cell, Francis X. Dolin closely examines a fascinating example of inmate graffiti at Eastern State Penitentiary: A large, meticulously illustrated eye peers at us from above cell's tiny entranceway.

It's just one of the normally off-limits oddities that is open to the public as of Dec. 1 as the historical nonprofit opens their fourth year of Winter Adventure Tours.

"During the regular season, we can't really leave things like this open to the public, because it's so delicate," says Dolin. "But the Winter Tours give us an opportunity to share things like this with smaller groups."

Arresting art

Also featured on the Winter Adventure Tours are two installations by local artists. With "Cozy," Karen Schmidt used 25,000 yards of yarn to completely cover a prison cell with her knitting. Jordan Griska re-imagined an Eastern State cell using a cold, mechanical design in "Separate System."

Visitors are advised to dress warmly, as groups no larger than 25 will be led on an hour-long interactive walk to rarely visited corners of this haunting, decaying structure. Tour highlights include a chance to pick vintage cell locks and a visit to the recently re-

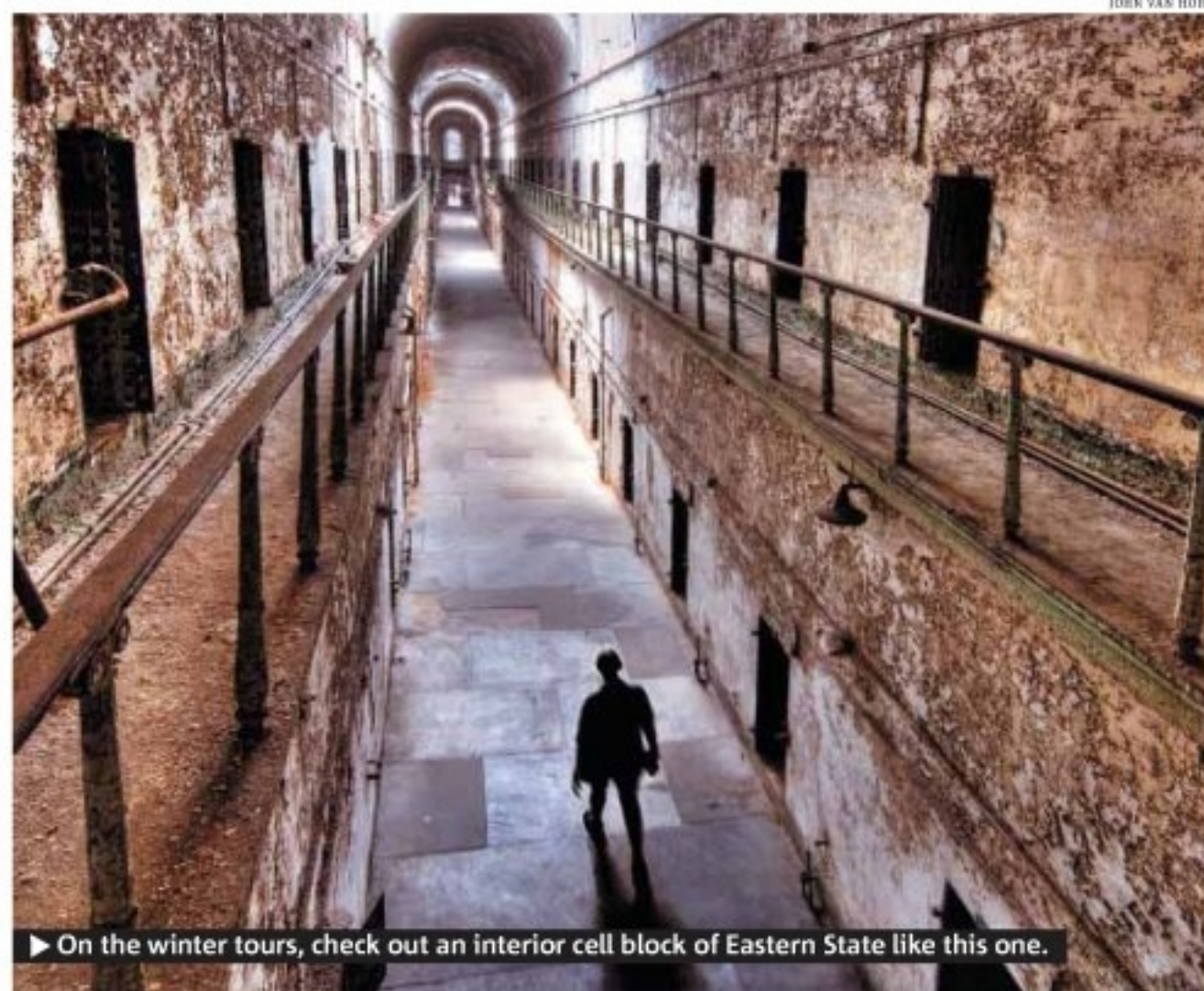
stored (and heated!) inmate synagogue.

"You have a chance to have a more intimate experience with the site. It's a much more informal setting, so you can really interact with the guides and learn a lot," says Dolin. "It really teaches you to look critically at the building — to focus in on the details. That leads to a different understanding, not just of Eastern State, but the people who lived here."

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Seeger moves 'Old Time Rock and Roll' into the digital age

► The singer talks about new technology, old friendships, spending half a century in the music industry and his first dozen years of struggle

If you've ever looked for songs by Bob Seger & the Silver Bullet Band on digital outlets, you have likely been disappointed when the search yielded results by artists with names like Night Moves and The Ultimate Bob Seger Cover Band. And next to the song titles you would have seen parenthetical disclaimers like "as made famous by Bob Seger."

But the classic rocker's reluctance to go digital has finally subsided. This year has seen the digital release of two classic live albums, a rarities collection and Seger's new ultimate hits compilation, "Rock and Roll Never Forgets," which came out online on the same day

it appeared in stores.

"I just felt it was time," says Seger. "We're one of the last ones to do it, and I felt like I would like to have people have the opportunity to get it. As it goes along, we're still doing it piecemeal. But that's my management's decision, and I don't question that. I've had

the same guy for 45 years. ... So I'm not going to question how he does business."

There are a few surprising revelations in the last portion of that quote: First, that Seger has been in the business for at least 45 years. And second, that he would have such loyalty to the same manager in an industry where the business is historically so fickle.

But devotion and dedication are hallmarks of his career. Throughout an hour-long discussion, Seger makes sure to give his Silver Bullet Band members due credit.

"I love the way Alto played horn on it," he enthuses about sax man Alto

Reed's part on the powerful road warrior ballad, "Turn the Page." And he's also quick to cite how he loves the energy that drummer Don Brewer brings to "Hollywood Nights."

As for his career's timespan, that's well chronicled in the title track of "Rock and Roll Never Forgets."

"I had like 12 years before I ever made any money," he says. "We did a lot of clubs, a lot of high schools, you name it. And then after 12 years — in 1975 — I broke through."

And he's been here ever since, like a rock.



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► Seger's older now, but still runnin' against the wind.

Q&A

'Rock and Roll Never Forgets' (but sometimes it gets the dates wrong)

In his classic, "Night Moves," he recounts, "I was humming a song from 1962." So, what was that song? "Oh, I'm glad you asked that," he enthuses. "'Be My Baby' by the

Ronettes! And then I was fortunate enough to meet Ronnie and she told me something that just blew my mind, that she tried to sing like Frankie Lyman ... from the 1950s, and I never put the two together. And then I listened to her and I said, 'Oh my gosh, that's right!'"

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The feed ...

On Fridays, Dorothy will post the best tweets she received during the week. You can always let her know what you think — good or bad — at @dorothyatmetro.

The last two weeks were humdingers. I not only wrote in The Word that Jennifer Lopez needed to put some pants on, but I also defended Michelle Bachmann (eek!) after The Roots played "Lyn' Ass B—" by Fishbone while she was a guest on "Late Night with Jimmy Fallon." I blame the pregnancy hormones.

► @gsemike: Bravo! That's not how you treat a 'guest'. I definitely think less of the roots today.

► @Eminems **Revenge:** YOUR anti-#Roots rant today just prove what i suspected all along: #metrouis is a #RACIST #rightWing rag!

► @xanderall: If The Roots were on their own, they could call Bachmann whatever they wanted, but they weren't. They were hired by NBC.

► @andrewfelluss: M.Bachman is a b— because she's an opportunistic and racist liar, not because she is a woman. fishbone rocks

► @TheAuthentic: this is #America where we have Freedom Of Speech #Philly respects what @TheRoots did regarding #Bachman we all feel that way

► @duxander: thank u for saying it like it is. Jlo shld freaking start dressing her age.

► @Tashiiie: Reading "The Word" in to-days Metro by @dorothyatmetro and she is Hating on Jlo bad. Shes hot and your not !!!!

THE WORD



Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip t @dorothyatmetro e dorothy.robinson@metro.us

A Kardashian announces pregnancy, but why so early?

As you have probably heard, **Kourtney Kardashian** released a statement via E! News on Wednesday announcing her second pregnancy with boyfriend **Scott Disick**. "I'm nine weeks along," Kourtney then told Us Weekly for a pre-approved feature. "You're supposed to wait 12 weeks to tell people, but I feel confident." She has since kept mum on the pregnancy and hasn't granted any other interviews regarding it.

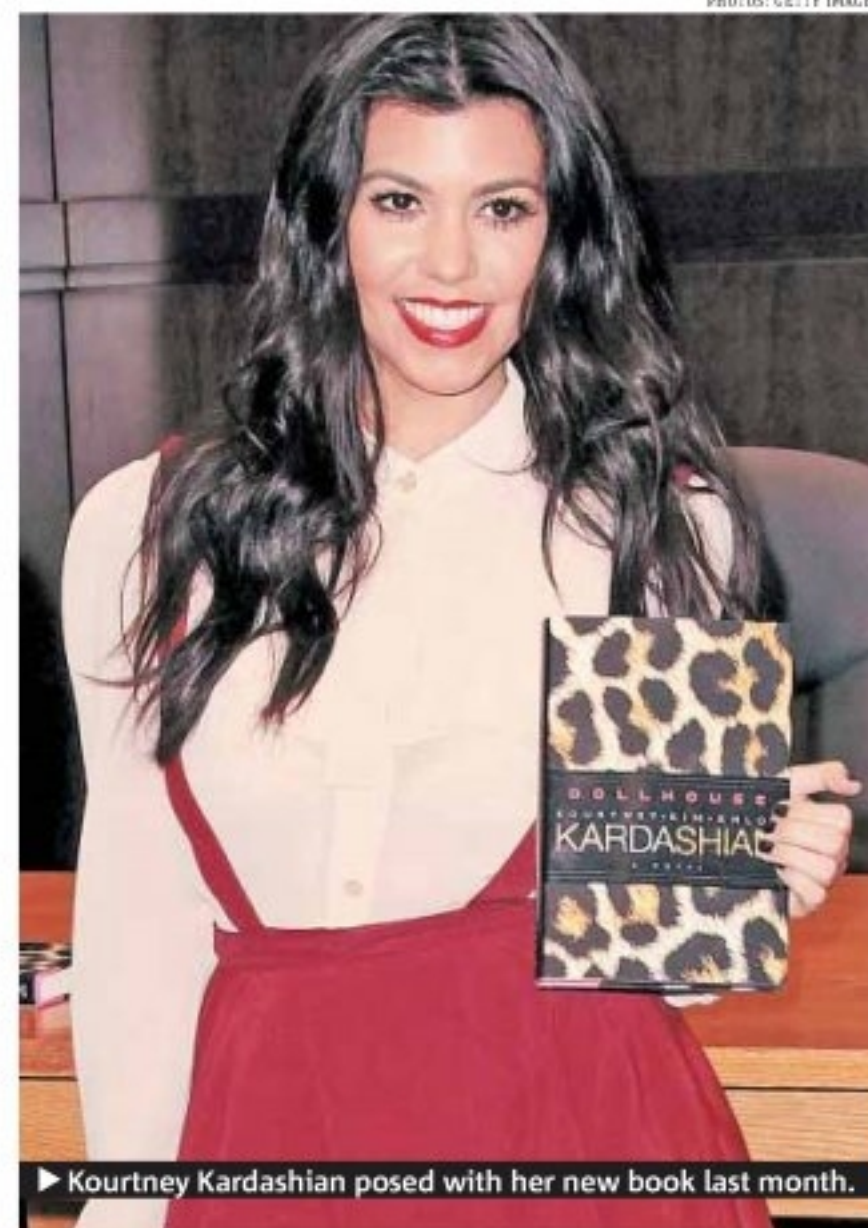
Did you read that quote? She knows it's too early for this to be common knowledge, but in a strategic announcement, she's telling



the entire world anyway. As a fellow pregnant lady, this just strikes me as fishy. Is she just being foolish, or is there something else afoot?

With odds of miscarriage in the first trimester around 10 to 25 percent, any doctor (or PR rep) would strongly advise you not to announce your pregnancy until at least your second trimester — and they are just talking about posting it as a status update on Facebook, not alerting the entire world via a prepared statement.

So why in the world would she announce this so early and so methodically? To take the heat off of **Kim's** mistake of a marriage? Or — and I know how bonkers this sounds — in order to set up a miscarriage storyline in a few weeks? Ugh.



► Kourtney Kardashian posed with her new book last month.

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I've lost it, friends. The Kardashians are turning me into a crazy conspiracy theorist. That's why I'm sporting a tin foil cap in my head shot — to keep out the mind rays.

Talking points

Spears' engagement imminent

There's been plenty of speculation about when **Britney Spears** and **Jason Trawick** might take the next step toward marriage, and it's reportedly going to be very soon. "They've been talking about marriage for a long time," a source tells People magazine. "It

would be surprising if they are not engaged by the end of the year." In fact, the engagement is so close that, according to the source, Trawick has already

picked out a ring.

ScarJo is a jealous ex

Even though her marriage to **Ryan Reynolds** ended last year, **Scarlett Johansson** is still reportedly preoccupied with his love life — and sources say she absolutely loathes his latest girlfriend, **Blake Lively**, according to Us Weekly. "Scarlett is pissed that he's not under her spell



Spears and Trawick

anymore," a source says. "She realized what a great catch Ryan was." Adding insult to injury? The fact that while Johansson's post-divorce romance with **Sean Penn** fizzled out, Reynolds and Lively seem to be going strong. "Things are great [for Blake and Ryan]," says the source. "They haven't had a fight yet."

Could Murray be home for Xmas?

Despite being sentenced to four years in prison for involuntary manslaughter, **Dr. Conrad Murray** could be home for

Christmas, according to Radar Online. The disgraced doc was given the maximum sentence for his role in the death of **Michael Jackson**, but because of overcrowding problems in California prisons, it's expected that Murray will serve out the bulk of his sentence under house arrest. "Dr. Murray's lawyers are actually relieved that Judge Pastor didn't sentence him to community service, like **Lindsay Lohan** is doing at the morgue," a source says. "That would have been an absolute nightmare for him. ... It wouldn't have been safe for him to be picking up trash on the freeway or cleaning up graffiti."



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These stars are getting a head start on Xmas shopping

1. Even royalty needs to shop! Heir apparent to Queen Elizabeth II, Prince Charles was seen at the Waitrose supermarket in Dorset, England, last Friday. What are they all laughing at in this picture? Could Prince Charles actually be funny?

2. Actress Chloe Sevigny shopped locally for

Small Business Saturday at Other Music in New York City last Saturday.

3. Model Christy Turlington also got into the "shop local" spirit at Torly Kids Shops in New York City on Saturday.

4. Lauren Conrad did a little holiday shopping with four teenagers from the Children's

Hospital Los Angeles at the Westchester Kohl's Department Store in Westchester, Calif., last Monday.

5. Across the ocean, Bruce Willis was spotted doing some holiday shopping on Rue Saint-Honore with his family in Paris, France, last Friday.

6. A very pregnant Jessica

Simpson was seen shopping at Barney's on Sunday night in New York City.

7. Nicole Richie shopped locally for Small Business Saturday in Los Angeles on Saturday.

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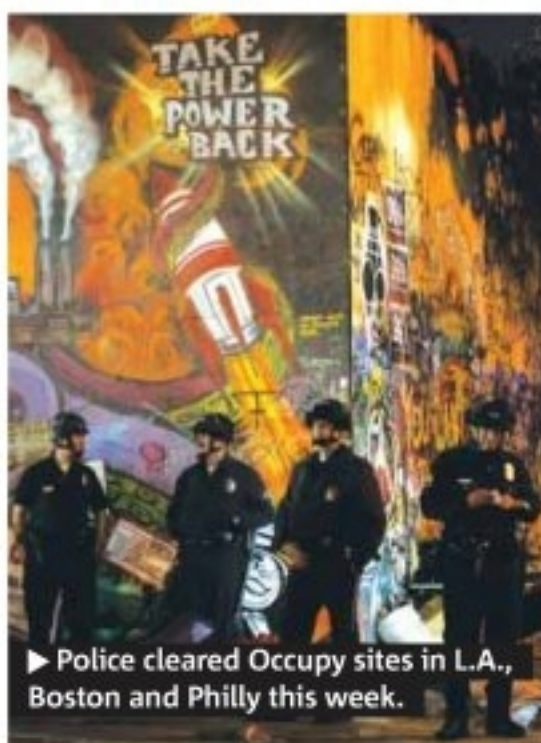


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The Week That Was: Opinion

An elite band of well-connected criminals has cleverly siphoned trillions in dollars of national wealth into their private ownership over the past few decades as politicians and media pundits cheered them forward. We do not describe post-Soviet-collapse Russia; we speak of these ostensibly United States of America.

America has presided over what can be accurately described as the largest financial theft in human history — and it most definitely, certainly, 100 percent will happen again. And why not? These brilliant thieves — none other than our national leaders and titans of industry — have not been held accountable for their crimes. In fact, they have benefited monstrously.



► Police cleared Occupy sites in L.A., Boston and Philly this week.

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As police forces nationwide arrest thousands of protesters forced into the streets in a show of desperation over a grievous lack of political representation (rich

politicians from both major parties know to support their corporate benefactors), we still face a justice system that has yet to punish the architects of our economic decline. This should be expected: The system is working exactly as intended.

What irks is the ire from everyday folk who foolishly condemn Occupiers as "parasites" — even as the promises of their future are quietly made into lies. We've become a nation of arrogant ostriches, quick to hate those with different viewpoints while ignoring the painful truth: The elected officials we supported have sold us out. And as we fight with one another, an ever-shrinking minority is happy to take advantage.



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Horoscope

♊ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21. Before starting another project, be sure to first finish what you've already begun. Focus becomes difficult when you have too many things going on at the same time.

♊ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19. Be extremely selective regarding whose counsel you follow. Going with the wrong advice could turn minor complications into very serious ones.

♊ Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 19. Warning signs are all over your chart, telling you that going to the wrong adviser could cause complications that would turn into impediments.

♊ Pisces Feb. 20-March 20. Subdue any kind of inclinations that invite distraction. Chances are they would cause you to waver in your pursuit of an objective, when you should be giving your full attention.

♊ Aries March 21-April 19. By pretending you know a lot about something when in reality you know little, you could get yourself in an embarrassing position when asked to explain it to others.

♊ Taurus April 20-May 20. If a friend of yours attempts to pry some confidential information out of you, hold firm in keeping mum. If this particular info morsel were to be circulated, you'd be blamed.

♊ Gemini May 21-June 20. All being difficult will get you a loss of support from your friends. Don't be your own worst enemy; build bridges, don't burn them.

♊ Cancer June 21-July 22. Take it slow when engaged in something important that could produce many future rewards, and make sure you do everything right. Patience will get you where you want to go much quicker than haste.

♊ Leo July 23-Aug. 22. When caught up in something that is not directly under your control, it behooves you to be on guard. You could easily be blamed for another's mistake.

♊ Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Don't get caught up in airing a disagreement with your spouse in front of others. Having an audience would only make matters worse as each of you tries to look like the blameless party.

♊ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23. Conditions are such where a gadget, tool, material or a method could easily cause you to run amok if you're not totally familiar with its intricacies. Get quality instructions first.

♊ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22. Impulsiveness on your part could cause you to purchase an expensive piece of merchandise for which you currently have little use but hope one day to have. Wait to buy it until you actually need it. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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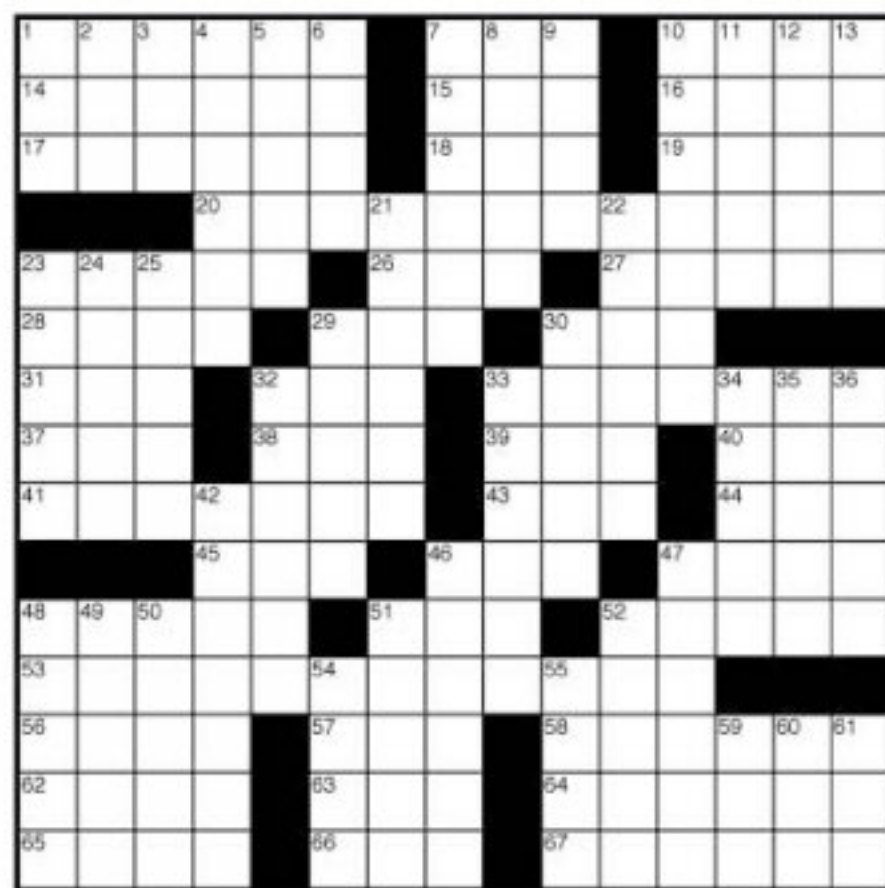
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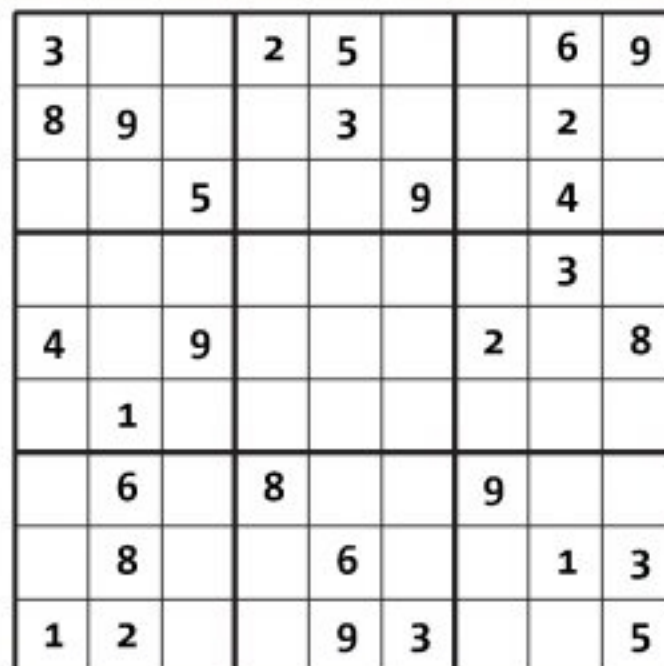
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Reid it and weep: Coach on hot seat

► Big Red still has support of players, but fans calling for his head ► Could Reid's 13-year run really be coming to a crashing halt? ► Metro takes a look at some possible replacements



► Reid is desperately trying to fix the suddenly sinking Eagles ship. The team was 4-7 entering play Thursday night.

Those "Fire Andy" chants you heard last week at the Linc weren't sarcastic Christmas carols.

Eagles fans have spoken, and they want Andy Reid — the NFL's longest-tenured coach — to take his clipboard and go home.

Reid has been saying all the right things, maintaining that he doesn't see or hear any evil. Not yet.

"I really don't hear much down there [on the field]. I didn't hear it," Reid said after last Sunday's loss. "The way we played, I

can understand."

His players seem to always have Reid's back, too. While some raised eyebrows when asked about specific play-calling last week, none of them — not even an unhappy DeSean Jackson — would throw Reid under the bus.

"It's not fair at all," LeSean McCoy said. "As players, we have to do all the playing. The coach can only put you in the right situation to make plays, but we have to do it."

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► Mike Vick is one of many players standing by his coach.

Who's next?



► Gruden

We take a look at possible replacements for Reid:

1 Marty Schottenheimer: Wouldn't "Martyball" and his fiery attitude be a perfect fit? Problem is, he's another guy who hasn't been able to win the big one — unless you count last year's UFL title, his first and lone pro title in 30 years.

2 Jon Gruden: He's best remembered for dashing the Eagles' Super Bowl dreams with his 2002 Bucs. But Gruden actually spent time in Philly (offensive coordinator, 1995-97) and knows the West Coast offense well.

3 Mike Pettine: After 13 years with an offensive-minded head coach, maybe it's time to change the culture. Pettine has served under Rex Ryan (as linebackers

coach in Baltimore, now defensive coordinator with the Jets) and has local ties having coached North Penn High School.

4 Chris Petersen: Boise State's mastermind (remember that gutsy "Statue of Liberty" call?) would be a bold, bold hire by Jeffrey Lurie and Howie Roseman. A hot-shot from a nonpower conference, but if it worked ... free lunch for life. And Smurf Turf at the Linc.

5 Tom Clements: Go back to the well and grab Aaron Rodgers' quarterbacks coach. It's tough to argue the influence he's had on the NFL's surefire MVP. But would this hiring bring back bad memories? Andy Reid was plucked from Green Bay when he was a lowly quarterbacks coach.

Poor guy



Vikings cut McNabb loose

Donovan McNabb is back on the market.

The former Eagles quarterback was waived Thursday by the Vikings, allowing him to sign with another team. McNabb went 1-5 as the starter before being benched for rookie Christian Ponder.

"This was the best decision for both parties," Minnesota coach Leslie Frazier said. "Have a lot of affection and love for Donovan."

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► Valentine was introduced Thursday at Fenway Park.

Valentine's day comes a little early for Red Sox

Bobby Valentine has been called many things over his career. On Thursday, they officially called him manager of the Red Sox.

As for the other descriptions, some suggesting an ego large enough to devour Fenway Park, Valentine pleaded for calm.

"It's about reputation vs. character," Valentine said after reaching a two-

year deal to become the 45th manager in team history, with team options for 2014 and '15. "I have some qualities in my character that are okay. I'm not the genius that I've heard people refer to me as. I'm not the polarizing guy that people refer to me as. I'm not the monster that breathes fire. I'm a regular human being with regular

feelings and attributes that make me what I am."

What the Red Sox hope is that the 61-year-old Valentine, who managed the Rangers and Mets — reaching the NLCS in 1999 and World Series in 2000 — is the catalyst to changing the clubhouse dynamic that doomed Terry Francona in the final month of his eight-year stint.

Valentine's reputation is about straight-shooting and feather-ruffling, something the team lacked as it collapsed last September.

"Something happened in September that I wasn't involved in," he said. "But I'm looking forward to working with this group and establishing a culture of excellence."

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Mysterious illness for Pronger

- Flyers captain dealing with virus
- Expected to start rehab Friday

Chris Pronger's knee feels good right now.

Pronger had surgery — his fifth operation in 16 months — to repair loose bodies in his left knee Tuesday and he said everything went well.

But the headaches and nausea continue to annoy the Flyers captain, who can't pinpoint the root of a mysterious illness that has already caused him to miss four games.

"I don't know what's going on," Pronger told reporters Thursday in a conference call. "It's been a bit

of a mystery as to what exactly is going on. Did some blood work and we're trying to get to the bottom of what is going on."

Pronger also revealed that he underwent and passed a baseline concussion test. The 37-year-old defenseman is scheduled to start rehab Friday. In all, Pronger has already missed 10 games so far this season.

"This sets you back," Pronger said. "You gotta kind of go through that whole process again, when I do get back." **METRO**



► Pronger has missed 10 games this season.

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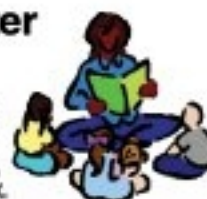
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► Orlovsky

The cold, hard

football facts

A look at this weekend's NFL action through the eyes of the football stat experts at Coldhardfootballfacts.com.



Tim Tebow rocks

real QB rating

Tim Tebow haters think he's a statistical circus freak who is winning in spite of himself. But his success is easy to explain if you understand the Coldhardfootballfacts.com Real Quarterback Rating, which measures all aspect of a QB's performance passing and running. Other QB stats measure only passing. The Broncos are 5-0 when Tebow outperforms the other team's quarterback in Real QB Rating.

Week 7: DEN 18, MIA 15
Matt Moore 69.6 Real QBR; Tebow 80.5 Real QBR

Week 8: DET 45, DEN 10
Matt Stafford-Shaun Hill 118.2 Real QBR; Tebow 48.2 Real QBR

Week 9: DEN 38, OAK 24
Carson Palmer 69.4 Real QBR; Tebow 108.2 Real QBR

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Pack it up, Pack it in: Giants up to challenge

► Big Blue a big home underdog on paper ► Can the Giants repeat recent history, upset undefeated team again? ► Coughlin, Manning talking confidently as they get set for Packers

The Giants are on the wrong end of a mismatch on paper, but judging by the mounting injuries and greatness of the Packers, it might be even worse once they take the field.

New York (6-5) is on a three-game losing streak, have lost their share of first place in the NFC East and now have the unbeaten Packers (11-0) coming to town Sunday. The Packers are on such a high right now that they're openly discussing — and relishing — the possibility of an undefeated season. (Please don't tell the 1972 Miami Dolphins, not yet).

There are so many obstacles in the Giants' way, it's a wonder how the players remain optimistic.

"Our confidence is always fine. As athletes and players, you always feel like you can go out there and play at a high level," said quarterback Eli Manning. "We feel like we can make a few plays and score, but we have to put it all together. We know we are capable of doing that."

Head coach Tom Coughlin said he will not show or even bring up the last time his Giants faced an unbeaten team this late in



► While the Giants have struggled, Victor Cruz has three touchdowns in the last two games.

the season. That game, of course, was Super Bowl XLII when the Patriots had to settle for 18 wins and one giant loss.

"Only the fact that it is an undefeated team," Coughlin said when asked

if this game is reminiscent of the Super Bowl. "It is a different circumstance when we played, but it is the challenge of playing a team that is obviously a very good football team. That part is consistent."

Packers head coach Mike McCarthy said while his team openly discusses going unbeaten they still keep the mantra of one game at a time.

"The most important mind-set that we have as a

football team is staying in touch with reality, and the reality is we have to go to New York and beat the Giants. That's a challenge."

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Packers at Giants,
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WEEKEND FOOTBALL BETTING GUIDE



BRONCOS 6-5 at VIKINGS 2-9

SUNDAY, 1 P.M.

Line: Vikings -1 (O/U 37.5)
The Scoop: The Tebow Show rolls along. If that's not enough, Broncos are 4-0 ATS in last four road games.
Pick: Broncos



PANTHERS 3-8 at BUCS 4-7

SUNDAY, 1 P.M.

Line: Bucs -3 (O/U 47.5)
The Scoop: Tampa QB Josh Freeman shot himself. Take Team Cam and the over (6-1 in last 7 meetings).
Pick: Panthers



BENGALS 7-4 at STEELERS 8-3

SUNDAY, 1 P.M.

Line: Steelers -6.5 (O/U 42)
The Scoop: Must-win for Cincy — BUT we're siding with PITT, who are 8-1 in last nine following a ATS loss.
Pick: Steelers



COLTS 0-11 at PATRIOTS 8-3

SUNDAY, 1 P.M.

Line: Patriots -20 (O/U 47.5)
The Scoop: Throw the trends out in this one. The Colts are atrocious and Tom Brady is god. Don't flinch.
Pick: Patriots



RAIDERS 7-4 at DOLPHINS 3-8

SUNDAY, 1 P.M.

Line: Dolphins -3 (O/U 43)
The Scoop: MIA is 8-29 in last 37 as home faves. Raiders, lock it up.
Pick: Raiders



FALCONS 7-4 at TEXANS 8-3

SUNDAY, 1 P.M.

Line: Texans +3 (O/U 38.5)
The Scoop: It's the NFL's top-rated defense versus a rookie QB. Falcons are also 6-1 ATS in last seven in Dec.
Pick: Falcons



TITANS 6-5 at BILLS 5-6

SUNDAY, 1 P.M.

Line: Bills -1.5 (O/U 43)
The Scoop: It's cold in Buffalo this time of year. Take the Bills and bet the under (5-0 in Titans last five).
Pick: Bills



JETS 6-5 at REDSKINS 4-7

SUNDAY, 1 P.M.

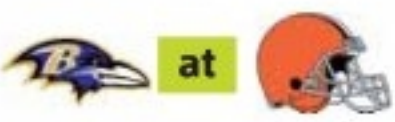
Line: Redskins +3 (O/U 38.5)
The Scoop: Rex Grossman ... stay away. Repeat, stay away. Oh yeah, 'Skins are 2-5 ATS in last seven.
Pick: Jets



CHIEFS 4-7 at BEARS 7-4

SUNDAY, 1 P.M.

Line: Bears -7 (O/U 37.5)
The Scoop: We don't like KC at all, but seven points is lot to give a team with Caleb Hanie at QB.
Pick: Chiefs



RAVENS 8-3 at BROWNS 4-7

SUNDAY, 4:05 P.M.

Line: Browns +6.5 (O/U 38)
The Scoop: The Ravens should win this by two touchdowns. Bank it.
Pick: Ravens

Packers vs. Giants (4:15 Sunday)



LINE: Giants +7 (O/U 52)

KEY INJURIES: T Chad Clifton (hamstring, back) out. LB A.J. Hawk (calf) questionable. LB Michael Boley (hamstring) questionable. RB Ahmad Bradshaw (foot) questionable. WR Hakeem Nicks (ribs, concussion) questionable. WR Victor Cruz (hip) probable.
THE SCOOP: The last time the Giants hosted an undefeated team at the end of the season was 2007, versus the Pats. While Big Blue didn't win that one, they did cover (+14) and lost by just three points. Just a little food for thought. Not buying in? OK, neither are we. The Pack is 6-0 ATS versus teams with winning records, 8-2 ATS in last 10 road games and 4-1 ATS in last five as road favorites.
PICK: Packers



RAMS 2-9 at 49ERS 9-2

SUNDAY, 4:15 P.M.

Line: 49ers -13 (O/U 37.5)
The Scoop: The 49ers can clinch their NFC West title in nine year with a win over a Rams team in free fall mode, and a coach trying to save his job. Even though the Niners don't really blow teams out, they are 3-0-1 ATS in last four as a home favorite of 10.5 or greater. Meanwhile, Rams are 2-8 ATS in last 10 as underdogs.
Pick: 49ers



COWBOYS 7-4 at CARDINALS 4-7

SUNDAY, 4:15 P.M.

Line: Cardinals +4.5 (O/U 45.5)
The Scoop: Dallas should roll in this one as the best road dog on the entire board. However, it is winter and we all know Tony Romo is allergic to December (7-10 career record), and the Cards are 4-1 ATS in their last five games. Still, we'll take our chances the 'Boys don't kick it to Patrick Peterson.
Pick: Cowboys



LIONS 7-4 at SAINTS 8-3

SUNDAY, 8:20 P.M.

Line: Saints -9 (O/U 54)
The Scoop: Saints are undefeated at the SuperDome this season and Lions are missing Ndamukong Suh.
Pick: Saints



UCLA 6-6 at OREGON NO. 8, 10-2

FRIDAY, 8 P.M.

Line: Oregon -31.5
The Scoop: Oregon should roll, but expect a solid cover from UCLA and ousted coach Rick Neuheisel.
Pick: UCLA



UCONN 5-6 at CINCINNATI 7-4

SATURDAY, NOON

Line: Cincinnati -9
The Scoop: Both teams are fighting for BCS bids, but trends favor UConn (8-3 ATS in last 11 Big East games).
Pick: UConn



SYRACUSE 5-6 at PITTSBURGH 5-6

SATURDAY, NOON

Line: Pittsburgh -10.5
The Scoop: Orange have lost four straight and PITT is 4-0 ATS in last four games and 4-1 at home.
Pick: Pittsburgh



TEXAS 7-4 at BAYLOR NO. 18, 8-3

SATURDAY, 3:30 P.M.

Line: Baylor -2.5
The Scoop: Robert Griffin III. That's all you need to know.
Pick: Baylor



IOWA ST. 6-5 at KANSAS ST. NO. 16, 9-2

SATURDAY, 12:30 P.M.

Line: Kansas St. -10.5
The Scoop: K-State can still share the Big 12 title with a win. Plus, they are 9-1 ATS in last 10 games overall.
Pick: Kansas St.



WYOMING 7-4 at COLO. ST. 3-8

SATURDAY, 2 P.M.

Line: Colorado St. +5.5
The Scoop: Wyoming has won past two Bronze Boots, but Colorado St. owns series, 55-42. It'll be close.
Pick: Colorado St.



UNLV 2-9 at TCU NO. 18, 9-2

SATURDAY, 2:30 P.M.

Line: TCU -38.5
The Scoop: It's more about how bad the Rebels are (3-13 vs. winning schools) than how good TCU is.
Pick: TCU



OKLAHOMA NO. 13, 9-2 at OKLA. ST. NO. 3, 9-1

SATURDAY, 8 P.M.

Line: Oklahoma St. -3.5
The Scoop: It's eight straight for the Sooners (5-0-1 ATS as road dogs) in the Bedlam Bowl. Trust Bob Stoops.
Pick: Oklahoma



FRESNO ST. 4-8 at SAN DIEGO ST. NO. 8, 7-4

SATURDAY, 8 P.M.

Line: San Diego St. -8
The Scoop: Balanced Aztecs offense should be enough to get it done.
Pick: San Diego St.



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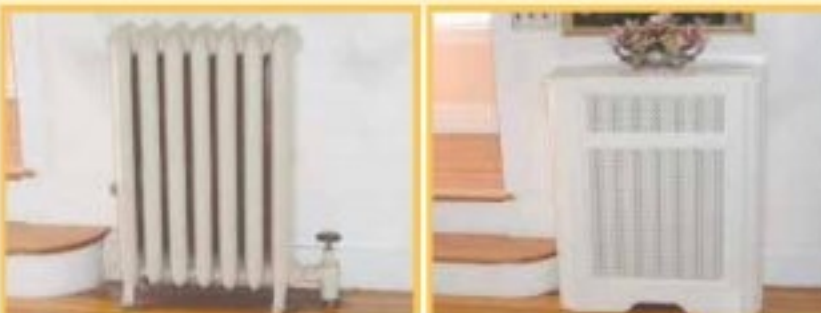
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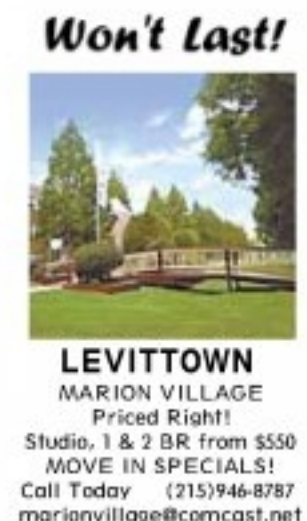
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